WolfSSL

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Abstract

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Chapter 1

SSL Protocol

1.1 Introduction

The SSL protool is a client/server protocol that provides the following basic security services to the communicating peers:

- Authentication (both peer entity and data origin authentication) services
- Connection confidentiality services
- Connection integrity services

The SSL protocol is sockets-oriented, meaning that all or none of the data that is sent to or received from a network connection is cryptographically protected in exactly the same way. It can be best viewed as an intermediate layer between the transporrt and the application layer that serves two purposes:

- Establish a secure connection between the commucating peers
- Use this connection to securely trasmit giher-layer protocol data from the sender to the reciever. It therefore fragments the data in pieces called fragments; each fragment is optionally compressed, authenticated, encrypted, prepended with a header, and transmitted to the reciever. Each data fragment prepared this way is sent in a distinct SSL record.

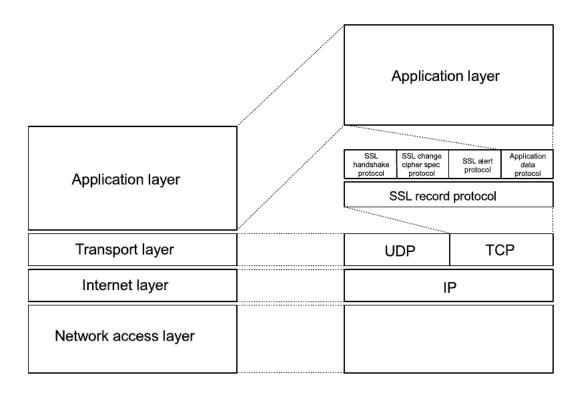


Figure 1.1: The SSL with its (sub)layer and (sub)protocols

The SSL consists of two sublayers and a few subprotocols:

- The lower sublayer is stacked on top of some connection-oriented and reliable transport layer protocol. This layer basically comprises the SSL record protocol that is used for the encapsulation of the higher-layer protocol data.
- The higher sublayer is stacked on top of the SSL record protocol and comprises four subprotocols.
 - The SSL handshake protocol is the core subprotocol of SSL. It is used for establishment of a secure connection. It allows the communicating peers to authenticate each other and to negotiate a cipher suite and a compression method.
 - The SSL change cipher spec protocol is used to put the parameters, set by the SSL handshake protocol in place and make them effective.
 - The SSL alert protocol allows the communicating peers to signal indicators of potential problems and send respective alert messages to each other.

- The SSL application data protocol is used for the secure transmission of application data.

In spite of the fact that SSL consists of several subprotocols, we use the term *SSL protocol* to refer to all of them simultaneously.

1.2 SSL Handshake

The SSL handshake protocol is layered on top of the SSL record protocol. It allows a client and server to authenticate each other and to negotiate issues like cipher suites and compression methods.

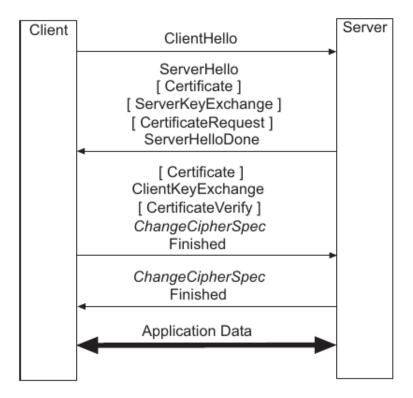


Figure 1.2: The SSL handshake protocol

The SSL handshake protocol comprises four sets of messages:

• The first flight comprises a single *ClientHello* message that is sent from the client to the server.

- The second flight comprises two messages that are sent back from the server to the client:
 - 1. ServerHello message is sent in response to the ClientHello message
 - 2. (optional) If the server is to authenticate itself, it may send a *Certificate* message to the client.
 - 3. (optional) Under some circumstances, the server may send a ServerKeyExchange message to the client.
 - 4. (optional) If the server requires the client to authenticate itself with a public key certificate, then it may send a *CertificateRequest* message to the client.
 - 5. Finally, server send a ServerHelloDone message to the client.
- The third flight comprises three to five messages that are again sent from the client to the server:
 - 1. (optional) If the server has sent a *CertificateRequest* message, then the client sends a *Certificate* message to the server.
 - 2. In the main step of the protocol, the client sends a *ClientKeyExchange* message to the server.
 - 3. (optional) If the client has sent a certificate to the server, then it must also send a *Certificate Verify* message to the server. This message is digitally signed with the private key that corresponds to the client certificate's public key.
 - 4. The client sends a *ChangeCipherSpec* message to the server (using the SSL change cipher spec protocol) and copies its pending write state into the current write state.
 - 5. The client sends a *Finished* message to the server. As mentioned above, this is the first message that is cryptographically protected under the new cipher spec.
- The fourth flight comprises two messages that are sent from the server back to the client:
 - 1. The server sends another *ChangeCipherSpec* message to the client and copies its pending write state into the current write state.
 - 2. Finally, the server send a *Finished* message to the client. Again, this message is cryptographically protected under the new cipher spec.

At this point in time, the SSL handshake is complete and the client and server may start exchanging application-layer data.

Chapter 2

WolfSSL

The wolfSSL embedded SSL library is a lightweight SSL/TLS library written in ANSI C and targeted for embedded, RTOS, and resource-constrained environments - primarily because of its small size, speed, and feature set; It's an SSL/TLS library optimized to run on embedded platforms.

It's free and it has an excellent cross platform support.

WolfSSL supports standards up to the current TLS 1.3 and DTLS 1.2 levels, is up to 20 times smaller than OpenSSL and it's powered by the colfCrypt library.

This library is built for maximum portability and supports the C programming language as a primary interface. It also supports several other host languages, including Java (wolfSSL JNI), C# (wolfSSL C#), Python, and PHP and Perl.

To improve performance it supports hardware cryptography and acceleration on several platforms.

In the following list you can see some of WolfSSI's features:

- Runtime memory usage between 1-36 kB
- OpenSSI compatibility layer
- Hash Functions:

- MD2	- SHA-224	- BLAKE2b
- MD4	- SHA-256	- RIPEMD-160
- MD5	- SHA-384	- KIFEMID-100
- SHA-1	- SHA-512	- Poly1305

- \bullet Mutual authentication support (client/server)
- \bullet SSL Sniffer (SSL Inspection) Support
- IPv4 and IPv6 support

The operating systems supported are:

Win32/64	17.	Android	31.	ARC MQX
Linux	18.		32.	TI - RTOS
Mac OS X		and Gamecube through DevKitPro	33.	uTasker
Solaris	19.	QNX	34.	embOS
ThreadX	20.	MontaVista	35.	INtime
VxWorks	21.	NonStop	36.	Mbed
FreeBSD	22.	·	37.	uT - Kernel
NetBSD	വ		38.	RIOT
OpenBSD	23.	III	39.	CMSIS -RTOS
embedded Linux	24.	FreeRTOS	40.	FROSTED
Yocto Linux	25.	SafeRTOS	41.	Green Hills INTEGRITY
OpenEmbedded	26.	NXP / Freescale MQX	42.	Keil RTX
WinCE	27.	Nucleus	43.	TOPPERS
Haiku	28.	TinyOS	44.	PetaLinux
OpenWRT	29.	HP / UX	45.	Apache Mynewt
iPhone(iOS)	30.	AIX	46.	PikeOS
	Win32/64 Linux Mac OS X Solaris ThreadX VxWorks FreeBSD NetBSD OpenBSD embedded Linux Yocto Linux OpenEmbedded WinCE Haiku OpenWRT iPhone(iOS)	Linux 18. Mac OS X 19. ThreadX 20. VxWorks 21. FreeBSD 22. NetBSD 23. OpenBSD 24. Yocto Linux 25. OpenEmbedded 26. WinCE 27. Haiku 28. OpenWRT 29.	Linux Mac OS X 18. Nintendo Wii and Gamecube through DevKitPro Solaris 19. QNX ThreadX 20. MontaVista VxWorks 21. NonStop FreeBSD PreeBSD 22. TRON / ITRON / ITRON / ITRON NetBSD OpenBSD embedded Linux 24. FreeRTOS Yocto Linux 25. SafeRTOS Yocto Linux OpenEmbedded WinCE 27. Nucleus Haiku 28. TinyOS OpenWRT 29. HP / UX	Linux 18. Nintendo Wii and Gamecube through DevKitPro 33. Mac OS X 19. QNX 34. Solaris 19. QNX 34. ThreadX 20. MontaVista 35. VxWorks 21. NonStop 36. FreeBSD 22. TRON / ITRON / ITRON / ITRON / ITRON 37. OpenBSD 23. Micrium C / OS - III 39. embedded Linux 24. FreeRTOS 40. Yocto Linux 25. SafeRTOS 41. OpenEmbedded 26. NXP / Freescale MQX 42. WinCE 27. Nucleus 43. Haiku 28. TinyOS 44. OpenWRT 29. HP / UX 45.

Chapter 3

Test case

3.1 Client/Server provided by WolSSL

```
server@server:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/server$ ./server -b
SSL version is TLSv1.2
SSL cipher suite is TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
SSL curve name is SECP256R1
Client message: hello wolfssl!
server@server:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/server$
```

Figure 3.1: Server SSL

```
luca@luca:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/client$ ./client -h 192.168.0.254
SSL version is TLSv1.2
SSL cipher suite is TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
SSL curve name is SECP256R1
I hear you fa shizzle!
luca@luca:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/client$
```

Figure 3.2: Client SSL

In this example, the server is a simple SSL server that allows only one client connection; after the connection with a client, the server receives an encrypted message from client, it responds and quits.

The -b parameter allows the server to bind to any interface instead of localhost only.

The client after the connection with the server, sends a message (hello wolfssl!) and after the server response, it quits.

The -h parameter allows the client to specify the server address to perform the connection.

t	cp.port ==11111 &&	ip.addr == 192.168.	0.254 && ssl		
lo.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
	287 51.105686952	192.168.0.47	192.168.0.254	TLSv1.2	222 Client Hello
	289 51.106236413	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	161 Server Hello
	291 51.107010717	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	2468 Certificate
	293 51.165325915	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	404 Server Key Exchange
	295 51.165422054	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	98 Certificate Request, Server Hello Done
	297 51.165925679	192.168.0.47	192.168.0.254	TLSv1.2	1311 Certificate
	299 51.174939731	192.168.0.47	192.168.0.254	TLSv1.2	141 Client Key Exchange
	301 51.189231968	192.168.0.47	192.168.0.254	TLSv1.2	335 Certificate Verify
	302 51.189325871	192.168.0.47	192.168.0.254	TLSv1.2	117 Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Handshake Message
	305 51.193208227	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	72 Change Cipher Spec
	307 51.193262294	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	111 Encrypted Handshake Message
	311 51.193516103	192.168.0.47	192.168.0.254	TLSv1.2	109 Application Data
	315 51.194124325	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	118 Application Data
	319 51.194168545	192.168.0.254	192.168.0.47	TLSv1.2	97 Encrypted Alert
	320 51.194290399	192.168.0.47	192.168.0.254	TLSv1.2	97 Encrypted Alert

```
    ▶ Frame 287: 222 bytes on wire (1776 bits), 222 bytes captured (1776 bits) on interface 0
    ▶ Ethernet II, Src: Dell_66:c2:8f (a4:4c:c8:66:c2:8f), Dst: AsustekC_5a:f2:0b (00:1d:60:5a:f2:0b)
    ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.47, Dst: 192.168.0.254
    ▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 41904, Dst Port: 11111, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 156
    ▶ Secure Sockets Layer
```

Figure 3.3: All SSL packets sent

Client IP: 192.168.0.47 Server IP: 192.168.0.254

Come si puo' bene vedere dalla figura soprastante, la comunicazione viene iniziata dal client con un 'Client Hello'; dopo SSL handshake, ci sono due messaggi 'Application Data' inviati rispettivamente dal client verso il server e dal server verso il client il cui contenuto e' cifrato. Una volta che il server invia la risposta al client, la comunicazione viene chiusa attraverso 'Encrypted Alert'.

```
Frame 104: 109 bytes on wire (872 bits), 109 bytes captured (872 bits) on interface 0

Ethernet II, Src: IntelCor_f3:50:e8 (28:c6:3f:f3:50:e8), Dst: AsustekC_5a:f2:0b (00:1d:60:5a:f2:0b)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.43, Dst: 192.168.0.254

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 59580, Dst Port: 11111, Seq: 1797, Ack: 2919, Len: 43
  Secure Sockets Layer
       TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Application Data Protocol: Application Data
Content Type: Application Data (23)
            Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
            Length: 38
           Encrypted Application Data: 4e35d9cfa9e74d7042985836a47c8c531dc3275c566c64d2
         00 1d 60 5a f2 0b 28 c6
                                               3f f3 50 e8 08 00 45 00
0010
         00 5f bb 6c 40 00 40 06
                                               fc b2 c0 a8 00 2b c0 a8
                                                                                        ·_ · 1@ · @ ·
                                               df 19 cc 79 0f 3e 80 18
         00 fe e8 bc 2b 67 dc b2
                                                                                       · · · · +g · ·
         01 f5 1b d0 00 00 01 01
                                               08 0a 8a f3 1e d6 d4 aa
0040
         62 9a 17 03 03 00 26 4e
                                                                                       b · · · · · & N 5
                                                        5c 56 6c 64
0050
```

Figure 3.4: Content of the encrypted message

Come si puo' vedere, lo scambio di messaggi e' cifrato.

3.2 EchoClient/EchoServer provided by WolfSSL

```
luca@luca:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/echoserver$ ./echoserver
Hi Server, I'm echoClient!
client sent quit command: shutting down!
luca@luca:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/echoserver$ []
```

Figure 3.5: EchoServer SSL

```
luca@luca:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/echoclient$ ./echoclient
Hi Server, I'm echoClient!
Hi Server, I'm echoClient!
quit
sending server shutdown command: quit!
luca@luca:~/Documents/information_system_security/wolfSSL/wolfssl/examples/echoclient$
```

Figure 3.6: EchoClient SSL

	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol L	ength Info
	40.000056186	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	222 Client Hello
	60.000147786	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	161 Server Hello
	80.000189939	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	933 Certificate
	100.002556695	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	219 Server Key Exchange
	120.002565669	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	75 Server Hello Done
	140.005584226	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	141 Client Key Exchange
	16 0.005624458	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	72 Change Cipher Spec
	180.005649888	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	111 Encrypted Handshake Message
	200.006849431	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	72 Change Cipher Spec
	220.006879403	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	111 Encrypted Handshake Message
	24 20.750500681		127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	122 Application Data
	26 20.750705479		127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	122 Application Data
	28 26.744191080		127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	100 Application Data
	30 26.744218051		127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	97 Encrypted Alert
	33 26.744270747	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TLSv1.2	97 Encrypted Alert
			Port: 55864, Dst Port	: 11111, Seq: 1	., Ack: 1, Len: 156
Secu	ire Sockets Laye LSv1.2 Record La	r ayer: Handshake F	Port: 55864, Dst Port Protocol: Client Hello		, Ack: 1, Len: 156
Secu	ure Sockets Laye "LSv1.2 Record La Content Type:	r ayer: Handshake F Handshake (22)			., Ack: 1, Len: 156
есι	re Sockets Laye LSv1.2 Record L Content Type: Version: TLS 1	r ayer: Handshake F Handshake (22)			., Ack: 1, Len: 156
Secu • T	re Sockets Laye LSv1.2 Record La Content Type: Version: TLS 1 Length: 151	r ayer: Handshake F Handshake (22) 1.2 (0x0303)	Protocol: Client Hello		., Ack: 1, Len: 156
Secu • T	Ire Sockets Laye LSv1.2 Record Lo Content Type: Version: TLS 1 Length: 151 Handshake Prof	r ayer: Handshake F Handshake (22) 1.2 (0x0303) tocol: Client Hel	Protocol: Client Hello		., Ack: 1, Len: 156
Secu • T	re Sockets Laye LSv1.2 Record L Content Type: Version: TLS 2 Length: 151 Handshake Prof Handshake T	er ayer: Handshake F Handshake (22) 1.2 (0x0303) tocol: Client Hell Type: Client Hell	Protocol: Client Hello		., Ack: 1, Len: 156
Secu • T	Ire Sockets Laye "LSv1.2 Record Locatent Type: Version: TLS 2 Length: 151 - Handshake Prof Handshake T Length: 147	er ayer: Handshake F Handshake (22) 1.2 (0x0303) tocol: Client Hell Type: Client Hell	Protocol: Client Hello		., Ack: 1, Len: 156
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Figure 3.7: All SSL packets sent

Chapter 4

Create a program using WolfSSL

4.1 TCP application

To create an SSL program you can modify your TCP program added several SSL functions. To explain the migration from TCP to SSL, I created a simple chat between a client and a server.

4.1.1 TCP Server

In my example, the TCP server after configuring the socket and connecting it with the client, it creates a ClientHandler thread that launches a thread for read and a thread for write from socket.

```
int main()
{
    /* Create a socket that uses an internet IPv4 address,
    * Sets the socket to be stream based (TCP),
    * 0 means choose the default protocol. */
    if ((sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) == -1)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to create the socket\n");
        return -1;
    }

    /* Initialize the server address struct with zeros */
    memset(&servAddr, 0, sizeof(servAddr));
```

```
/* Fill in the server address */
servAddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
                                     /* using IPv4
servAddr.sin_port = htons(DEFAULT_PORT); /* on DEFAULT_PORT */
servAddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY; /* from anywhere */
/* Bind the server socket to our port */
if (bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&servAddr,
   sizeof(servAddr)) == -1)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to bind\n");
   return -1;
/* Listen for a new connection*/
if (listen(sockfd, 1) == -1)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to listen\n");
   return -1;
/* Continue to accept clients until shutdown is issued */
while (1)
{
   printf("Waiting for a connection...\n");
   /* Accept client connections */
   if ((connd = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&clientAddr,
       &size)) == -1)
   {
       fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to accept the
           connection\n\n");
       ncurses_end();
       return -1;
   pthread_t mainThread;
   pthread_create(&mainThread, NULL, ClientHandler, NULL);
   pthread_join(mainThread, NULL);
   \label{lem:printText("Communication is ended!\n", "System");}
   if (is_end)
       break;
}
ncurses_end();
printf("Shutdown complete\n");
```

```
/* Cleanup after this connection */
close(connd); /* Close the connection to the client */
/* Cleanup and return */
close(sockfd); /* Close the socket listening for clients */
return 0; /* Return reporting a success */
}
```

Listing 4.1: int main() of TCP server

As stated above, the clientHandler thread creates two thread, but before it waits the client username.

```
void *ClientHandler(void *args)
   int ret;
   /* Read the client username into our buff array */
   XMEMSET(buff, 0, sizeof(buff));
   ret = read(connd, buff, sizeof(buff));
   ncurses_start();
   clearWin();
   if (ret > 0)
   {
       /* Print to stdout any data the client sends */
       strcpy(username, buff);
       char text[256];
       sprintf(text, "Client %s connected successfully", username);
      printText(text, "System");
      printText("*************************n", "System");
      fflush(stdout);
   else
   {
      printText("ERROR!!", "System");
      close(sockfd);
                       /* Close the connection to the server */
      pthread_exit(NULL); /* End theread execution
   /******************************
   XMEMSET(buff, 0, sizeof(buff));
   if (pthread_create(&Treader, NULL, readBuffer, NULL))
       fprintf(stderr, "Error creating thread\n");
       fflush(stdout);
```

```
return NULL;
}

if (pthread_create(&Twriter, NULL, writeBuffer, NULL))
{
    fprintf(stderr, "Error creating thread\n");
    fflush(stdout);
    return NULL;
}

pthread_join(Treader, NULL);
pthread_join(Twriter, NULL);
/* Cleanup after this connection */
close(connd); /* Close the connection to the client */
pthread_exit(NULL); /* End theread execution */
```

Listing 4.2: clientHandler thread of TCP server

ReadBuffer is a thread that allows to read messages sent from client. It has an infinite loop that read data from socket open previously; Once it gets the message, with the printText function, the message is printed to the terminal using neurses.

```
void *readBuffer(void *args)
{
   int ret;
   while (1)
       /* Read the client data into our buff array */
       XMEMSET(buffReader, 0, sizeof(buffReader));
       ret = read(connd, buffReader, sizeof(buffReader));
       if (ret > 0)
           if (!strcmp(buffReader, "quit"))
           {
              pthread_cancel(Twriter);
              pthread_exit(NULL); /* End threaded execution
                           */
           }
           printText(buffReader, username);
       }
       else
       {
```

```
printText("ERROR READ!!", "System");
    pthread_cancel(Twriter);
    pthread_exit(NULL); /* End threaded execution */
}
}
```

Listing 4.3: readBuffer thread of TCP server

WriteBuffer thread has an infinite loop used for write messages from server to client.

```
void *writeBuffer(void *args)
   int ret;
   while (1)
   {
       read_in();
       len = XSTRLEN(Rbuffer);
       /* Reply back to the client */
       ret = write(connd, Rbuffer, len);
       printText(Rbuffer, "Server");
       if (XSTRNCMP(Rbuffer, "quit", 4) == 0)
           is_end = 1;
           break;
       }
       if (ret != len)
           printText("ERROR!!", "System");
           break;
       }
   pthread_cancel(Treader);
   return NULL;
}
```

Listing 4.4: writeBuffer thread of TCP server

4.2 From TCP to SSL

To create a wolfSSL application the first thing that I did is include the wolfSSL API header in your program.

```
#include <wolfssl/ssl.h>
```

After the inclusion of the header files, I initialize the library and the WOLFSSL_CTX calling wolfSSL_Init; This is necessary to use the library.

The WOLFSSL_CTX structure contains global values for each SSL connection, including certificate information. To create a new WOLFSSL_CTX there is **wolfSSL_CTX_new()** function. it requires an argument which defines the SSL or TLS protocol for the client or server to use. In my case I used TLS 1.3, so the call is:

```
WOLFSSL_CTX *ctx = wolfSSL_CTX_new(wolfTLSv1_3_server_method());
for the server;
WOLFSSL_CTX *ctx = wolfSSL_CTX_new(wolfTLSv1_3_client_method())
```

for the client.

In the WOLFSSL_CTX can be loaded the CA (Certificate Authority) so that the client is able to verify the server's identity when they start the connection conversely. To load the CA into the WOLFSSL_CTX there is wolfSSL_CTX_load_verify_locations(). This function requires three arguments:

- a WOLFSSL_CTX pointer
- a certificate file
- a path value that point to a directory which should contain CA certificates in PEM format.

this function returns SSL_SUCCESS or SSL_FAILURE.

wolfSSL_CTX_load_verify_locations() can be used for verify the client or the server identity, but in my case, only the client loads the CA, the server loads a certificate file into the SSL context (WOLFSSL_CTX) calling:

Also the server private key can be loaded using the wolfSSL library; the function is:

After a TCP connection the WOLFSSL object needs to be created and the file descriptor needs to be associated with the session; the instructions are:

```
//Connect to socket file descriptor
WOLFSSL* ssl;
//create WOLFSSL object
ssl = wolfSSL_new(ctx);
wolfSSL_set_fd(ssl,sockfd);
```

After the previous instructions called by client and server, the server waits an SSL client to initiate the SSL handshake; it waits until a client call **wolfSSL_connect(ssl)** and then the handshake starts.

Once the connection functions are set, I replaced **read(...)** function with:

```
int wolfSSL_read(WOLFSSL *ssl, void *data, int sz);
```

It read **sz** bytes from the SSL session **ssl** internal read buffer into the buffer **data**. The bytes are removed from the internal receive buffer;

Instead the **write(...)** function is replaced by:

```
int wolfSSL_write(WOLFSSL *ssl, void *data, int sz);
```

It writes sz bytes from the buffer, data, to the SSL connection, ssl.

When the application is over, the WOLFSSL_CTX object and the wolfSSL library must be freed; the instructions are:

```
wolfSSL_free(ssl);
wolfSSL_CTX_free(ctx);
wolfSSL_Cleanup();
```

4.3 SSL application

To develop an SSL application, I started from the TCP chat explained in the previous section and I added the wolfSSL function to create an encrypted communication.

The goal of this program is to show how to create a simple encrypted chat, focusing on the security of an application and not to the good practices of the socket and thread applications.

Some part of the code like inclusion and global variables are omitted (wolfSSL object and other variables are stored in global memory); you can find them on github.

In the next subsections I'll try to explain the code of the program:

4.3.1 SSL Server

The server created by me authenticate itself by sending a certificate; For testing purpose, all the certificates that I use, I took from wolfSSL download. It also use an RSA key for secure symmetric key exchange that is used for actual transmitted data encryption and decryption.

After the initialization of the wolfSSL and the socket, the main function marks the socket referred to by sockfd as a passive socket, that is, as a socket that will be used to accept incoming connection requests using accept.

```
int main()
{
   int ret;
   /* Initialize wolfSSL */
   wolfSSL_Init();
   /* Create a socket that uses an internet IPv4 address,
    * Sets the socket to be stream based (TCP),
    * 0 means choose the default protocol. */
   if ((sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) == -1)
   {
       fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to create the socket\n");
       return -1;
   }
   /* Create and initialize WOLFSSL_CTX */
   if ((ctx = wolfSSL_CTX_new(wolfTLSv1_3_server_method())) ==
       NULL)
```

```
{
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to create WOLFSSL_CTX\n");
   return -1;
}
/* Load server certificates into WOLFSSL_CTX */
if (wolfSSL_CTX_use_certificate_file(ctx, CERT_FILE,
   SSL_FILETYPE_PEM) != SSL_SUCCESS)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to load %s, please check the
       file.\n",
           CERT_FILE);
   return -1;
}
/* Load server key into WOLFSSL_CTX */
if (wolfSSL_CTX_use_PrivateKey_file(ctx, KEY_FILE,
   SSL_FILETYPE_PEM) != SSL_SUCCESS)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to load %s, please check the
       file.\n",
          KEY_FILE);
   return -1;
}
/* Initialize the server address struct with zeros */
memset(&servAddr, 0, sizeof(servAddr));
/* Fill in the server address */
servAddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
                                     /* using IPv4
servAddr.sin_port = htons(DEFAULT_PORT); /* on DEFAULT_PORT */
servAddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY; /* from anywhere */
/* Bind the server socket to our port */
if (bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&servAddr,
   sizeof(servAddr)) == -1)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to bind\n");
   return -1;
}
/* Listen for a new connection*/
if (listen(sockfd, 1) == -1)
```

```
{
    fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to listen\n");
    return -1;
}
.
.
.
```

Listing 4.5: int main() of SSL server, 1* part

This server can communicate with one client at a time so there is an infinite loop where the encrypted connection with a client is established. At this point a mainThread is created to handle reading and writing through the secure channel. Whenever the connection falls, the thread ends and the server try to established a new connection. The server ends only when keyboard of the server type 'quit' (this part is in another function).

```
/* Continue to accept clients until shutdown is issued */
while (1)
{
  printf("Waiting for a connection...\n");
   /* Accept client connections */
   if ((connd = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&clientAddr,
       \&size)) == -1)
   {
       fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to accept the
           connection\n\n");
       return -1;
   }
   /* Create a WOLFSSL object */
   if ((ssl = wolfSSL_new(ctx)) == NULL)
       fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to create WOLFSSL
          object\n");
       return -1;
   }
   /* Attach wolfSSL to the socket */
   wolfSSL_set_fd(ssl, connd);
   /* Establish TLS connection */
   ret = wolfSSL_accept(ssl);
   if (ret != SSL_SUCCESS)
```

```
{
          fprintf(stderr, "wolfSSL_accept error = %d\n",
                  wolfSSL_get_error(ssl, ret));
          return -1;
       }
       printf("Client connected successfully\n");
       pthread_t mainThread;
       pthread_create(&mainThread, NULL, ClientHandler, NULL);
       pthread_join(mainThread, NULL);
       printText("Communication is ended!\n", "System");
       if (is_end)
          break;
   }
   ncurses_end();
   printf("Shutdown complete\n");
   /* Cleanup after this connection */
   wolfSSL_free(ssl); /* Free the wolfSSL object
   close(connd);
                    /* Close the connection to the client */
   /* Cleanup and return */
   wolfSSL_CTX_free(ctx); /* Free the wolfSSL context object
                                                                 */
   wolfSSL_Cleanup(); /* Cleanup the wolfSSL environment
                        /* Close the socket listening for clients
   close(sockfd);
       */
   return 0;
                                                                 */
                        /* Return reporting a success
}
```

Listing 4.6: int main() of SSL server, 2* part

The previously created thread executes ClientHandler function; even if the connection is established, it shows 'Client name connected successfully' message on the screen only after reading the username from the secure channel.

After that two thread are created, one for read messages and one for write messages.

```
ret = wolfSSL_read(ssl, buff, sizeof(buff) - 1);
ncurses_start();
clearWin();
if (ret > 0)
   /* Print to stdout any data the client sends */
   strcpy(username, buff);
   char text[256];
   sprintf(text, "Client %s connected successfully", username);
   printText(text, "System");
   printText("*******************************, "System");
   fflush(stdout);
}
else
{
   printText("ERROR!!", "System");
                    /* Close the connection to the server */
   close(sockfd);
   pthread_exit(NULL); /* End theread execution */
/********************************
XMEMSET(buff, 0, sizeof(buff));
if (pthread_create(&Treader, NULL, readBuffer, NULL))
   fprintf(stderr, "Error creating thread\n");
   fflush(stdout);
   return NULL;
}
if (pthread_create(&Twriter, NULL, writeBuffer, NULL))
   fprintf(stderr, "Error creating thread\n");
   fflush(stdout);
   return NULL;
pthread_join(Treader, NULL);
pthread_join(Twriter, NULL);
/* Cleanup after this connection */
close(connd);
              /* Close the connection to the client */
pthread_exit(NULL); /* End theread execution
```

}

Listing 4.7: ClientHandler() of SSL server

WriteBuffer is a function executes by a thread for writing in the channel. read_in() read the characters typed from the user until a new line and then sent the message with wolfSSL_write(ssl,Rbuffer,len).

```
void *writeBuffer(void *args)
   int ret;
   while (1)
       read_in();
       len = XSTRLEN(Rbuffer);
       /* Reply back to the client */
       do
       {
           ret = wolfSSL_write(ssl, Rbuffer, len);
           /* TODO: Currently this thread can get stuck infinitely
              if client
               disconnects, add timer to abort on a timeout
           eventually,
               just an example for now so allow for possible stuck
            condition
           printText(Rbuffer, "Server");
       } while (wolfSSL_want_write(ssl));
       if (XSTRNCMP(Rbuffer, "quit", 4) == 0)
       {
           is_end = 1;
           break;
       if (ret != len)
           printText("ERROR!!", "System");
           break;
   pthread_cancel(Treader);
```

```
return NULL;
}
```

Listing 4.8: writeBuffer() of SSL server

ReadBuffer function read messages from the channel through wolfSSL_read(ssl, buffReader, sizeof(buffReader)-1). If the user on the other side writes 'quit', this function and writeBuffer function end.

```
void *readBuffer(void *args)
   int ret;
   while (1)
       /* Read the client data into our buff array */
       XMEMSET(buffReader, 0, sizeof(buffReader));
       ret = wolfSSL_read(ssl, buffReader, sizeof(buffReader) - 1);
       if (ret > 0)
           if (!strcmp(buffReader, "quit"))
              pthread_cancel(Twriter);
              pthread_exit(NULL); /* End theread execution
                           */
           printText(buffReader, username);
       }
       else
           printText("ERROR READ!!", "System");
           pthread_cancel(Twriter);
           pthread_exit(NULL); /* End theread execution
                                                                  */
       }
   }
}
```

Listing 4.9: readBuffer() of SSL server

4.3.2 SSL Client

The SSL client has 3 thread; The main thread called Tclient that is used to manage read and write threads.

To execute the SSL client, the program needs the IP address of server. If the user doesn't provide it during the program calls, the program ends.

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
   pthread_t Tclient;
   /* Check for proper calling convention */
   if (argc != 2)
       printf("usage: %s <IPv4 address>\n", argv[0]);
       return -1;
   ip = argv[1];
   /* create a second thread which executes inc_x(&x) */
   if (pthread_create(&Tclient, NULL, client, NULL))
   {
       fprintf(stderr, "Error creating thread\n");
       fflush(stdout);
       return 1;
   if (pthread_join(Tclient, NULL))
       fprintf(stderr, "Error joining thread\n");
       return 2;
   ncurses_end();
   return 0; /* Return reporting a success
                                                     */
}
```

Listing 4.10: int main() of SSL client

As in the server part, the function below is executed by a thread; it initializes WOLFSSL objects, socket etc. After initializations the function tries to connect to the secure channel, through the IP address inserted at the execution of the client.

```
void *client(void *args)
{
    struct sockaddr_in servAddr;
```

```
printf("Set your username: ");
refresh();
if (!scanf("%s", username))
{
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to get message for
       server\n");
   return NULL;
}
ncurses_start();
/* Initialize wolfSSL */
wolfSSL_Init();
/* Create a socket that uses an internet IPv4 address,
 * Sets the socket to be stream based (TCP),
* 0 means choose the default protocol. */
if ((sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) == -1)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to create the socket\n");
   return NULL;
}
/* Create and initialize WOLFSSL_CTX */
if ((ctx = wolfSSL_CTX_new(wolfTLSv1_3_client_method())) ==
   NULL)
{
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to create WOLFSSL_CTX\n");
   return NULL;
/* Load client certificates into WOLFSSL_CTX */
if (wolfSSL_CTX_load_verify_locations(ctx, CERT_FILE, NULL) !=
   SSL_SUCCESS)
{
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to load %s, please check the
       file.\n'',
           CERT_FILE);
   return NULL;
}
/* Initialize the server address struct with zeros */
memset(&servAddr, 0, sizeof(servAddr));
/* Fill in the server address */
```

```
servAddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
                                     /* using IPv4
servAddr.sin_port = htons(DEFAULT_PORT); /* on DEFAULT_PORT */
/* Get the server IPv4 address from the command line call */
if (inet_pton(AF_INET, ip, &servAddr.sin_addr) != 1)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: invalid address\n");
   return NULL;
}
/* Connect to the server */
if (connect(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&servAddr,
   sizeof(servAddr)) == -1)
{
   printText("ERROR: failed to connect", "System");
   return NULL;
/*Do something*/
/* Create a WOLFSSL object */
if ((ssl = wolfSSL_new(ctx)) == NULL)
₹
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to create WOLFSSL object\n");
   return NULL;
}
/* Attach wolfSSL to the socket */
wolfSSL_set_fd(ssl, sockfd);
/* Connect to wolfSSL on the server side */
if (wolfSSL_connect(ssl) != SSL_SUCCESS)
{
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to connect to wolfSSL\n");
   return NULL;
strtok(username, "\n");
len = strnlen(username, sizeof(username));
/* Send the username to the server */
if (wolfSSL_write(ssl, username, len) != len)
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to write\n");
   return NULL;
```

```
}
   if (pthread_create(&Twriter, NULL, writeBuffer, NULL))
       fprintf(stderr, "Error creating thread\n");
       fflush(stdout);
       return NULL;
   }
   if (pthread_create(&Treader, NULL, readBuffer, NULL))
       fprintf(stderr, "Error creating thread\n");
       fflush(stdout);
       return NULL;
   }
   pthread_join(Twriter, NULL);
   pthread_cancel(Treader);
   pthread_join(Treader, NULL);
   /* Cleanup and return */
   wolfSSL_free(ssl);
                       /* Free the wolfSSL object
                                                                 */
   wolfSSL_CTX_free(ctx); /* Free the wolfSSL context object
                                                                 */
   wolfSSL_Cleanup(); /* Cleanup the wolfSSL environment
                                                                 */
   close(sockfd);
                        /* Close the connection to the server
                                                                 */
   printText("Communication is ended!\n Press a button!!!",
       "System");
   getch();
   return NULL;
}
```

Listing 4.11: void *client(void *args) of SSL client

Reading and writing threads are similar to the server part, so I'm not putting them in this part.

4.4 Compile a WolfSSL program

To execute a wolfSSL program you must have installed wolfSSL on your pc, and then you must add **-lwolfssl** on your gcc command.

Me having used the threads and neurses I have to add other flags to gec command; to optimize the compilation I created a makefile.

4.5 Execute a WolfSSL program

In my project I used a laptop for the client part, and a Raspberry Pi for the server part; they are connected to the same LAN.

Below you can see the GUI of the client and the server part and the traffic analyze with wireshark.

The IP address of server is 192.168.0.53

The IP address of client is 192.168.0.46

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Documents/project-wolfssl/code $ ./server-tls-threaded
Waiting for a connection...
```

Figure 4.1: Execute WolfSSL server

```
luca@luca:~/Documents/latex/miktex/project-wolfssl/code$ ./client-tls 192.168.0.53
Set your username:
```

Figure 4.2: Execute WolfSSL client

```
luca@luca: ~/Documents/latex/miktex/project-wolfssl/code

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| WolfSSL chat |
| [Server] Hi Client!
| [Server] Tell me a secret
| [Luca] I'm a girl
```

Figure 4.3: Execute WolfSSL client

********Server Key
Exchange has been removed in TLS 1.3*******

Chapter 5

Differences between WolfSSL and OpenSSL

5.1 Introduction

The main differences are:

- Memory Usage
 - WolfSSL can be up to 20 times smaller than OpenSSL; The build size is between 20 and 100 KB and the runtime memory usage between 1 and 36 KB. This gives a magior advantage of integrating in smaller embedded devices.
- Hardware Crypto
 - WolfSSL has a partnership with the most MCU manufacturers which allows to be quite early in the market to support hardware acceleration on huge list of platforms.
- Portability
 - WolfSSL is more portable than OpenSSL because is made for realtime, mobile, embedded and enterprise systems.